

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated June 23, 2006, the Examiner had imposed a restriction requirement between Group I (Claims 1-15), drawn to an articulation segment of a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 525, and Group II (Claims 16-20), drawn to a method of manufacturing an articulation segment, classified in class 408, subclass 1R.

In a response filed on July 13, 2006, Applicant elected for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-15), drawn to an articulation segment of a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 525. Claims 16-20, drawn to a method of manufacturing an articulation segment, classified in class 408, subclass 1R, were withdrawn from consideration at that time.

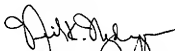
In the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, the Examiner further imposed an election requirement between species a) figures 1-3; and species b) figure 4.

In response, Applicant hereby elects species a) figures 1-3, for further prosecution on the merits, with traverse, along with previously elected claims 1-15 (Group 1).

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 619-688-1300 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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